



## INITIAL SURVEY

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

This survey is an effort to measure your leadership skills and activities **prior to** the start of Partners in Policymaking. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability providing estimates when necessary. A similar survey at the end of Partners will measure growth.

1. Have you ever contacted local, state or federal public officials regarding any disability or general social service related issue prior to Partners? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO  
If YES, estimate the number and type of contacts during the past 12 months.

Public Official	Contact (e.g., mayor, school board, senator, state or local agency, etc.)	Estimated # of letters	Estimated # of visits	Estimated # of calls	Estimated # e-mails
Local					
State					
Federal					
Other					

2. What other opportunities have you had (during the past year) to advocate for yourself or other people, or to educate the public about disability issues?

Opportunity	Topic/ Issue	# of times	Competency Excellent	Competency Good	Competency Fair	Competency Poor
Testified at hearing						
Presented to group						
Presented at conference						
Served on Committee						
TV or Radio Appearance						

3. Please rate your current skills and level of expertise in the following areas.

Current Skills and Abilities	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Securing appropriate services self/family					
Assisting others to secure services					
Advocating to policy makers on issues					
Leading a group or committee					

Circle your response:

4. Do you know the names of your state Senator and Representative?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Do you know the names of your federal Senator and Representative?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Are you registered to vote?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Did you vote in the last election?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Do you know where your polling place is?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I vote absentee ballot

9. Is your polling place accessible?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

10. Please list any organizations you are a member of and any office you hold.

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11. What do you believe are the three (3) most important issues facing people with disabilities and their families in Indiana?

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